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Sermon Outlines, 1946

May 12 '46

II Tim. 1:5

M

WHEN I CALL TO REMEMBRANCE THE
UNFEIGNED FAITH THAT IS IN THEE,
WHICH DWELT FIRST IN THY GRAND
MOTHER LOIS, AND THY MOTHER EU-
NICE; AND I AM PERSUADED THAT IN
THEE ALSO.

WEEK

National Family began last Sunday and
closes to day. And this is Mother's Day.

These occasions give rise to discussions
about LINEAGE, ANCESTRY, BACKGROUND. These are
times when we like to think about those from
whom we have decended, and of what they have meant
to the world and to us. We like to dwell upon our
heritage that has come to us from them. We like
to think of the SONGS and BOOKS they have written,
the GARMENTS they have made and the HOUSES they
have builded.

If we celebrate this day as we should
we are not satisfied to give to them or place
flowers upon our altars and wear a red or white
carnation in honor and memory of them. We wish
to recall the prayers they have prayed, the coun-
sel they have given, and the example they have
set us.

Then we wish to be living on this day
and all days so as to bring honor and glory to
them. Let us remember that people have a right to
and do expect us to exhibit the training that we
have received from our grand mothers and mothers.

We think much of and make a great ado
about material inheritance. We have law suits and
go into court to obtain what we believe rightly
belongs to us. But we are not over concerned about
our spiritual inheritance. Often we allow the
evil one to come in and rob us of our spiritual
for which the Master gave his life.

Both parents are under obligation to
their children. But the mother is under special
obligation to her children. She sustains a rela-
tion to her children that the father can never
sustain. Mother spends time with the child in
that period when the child is plastic.

In consideration of the fact that the
mother has more to do with shaping the life of
the child than the father, the world has given
her the opportunity to which she is entitled to
qualify and prepare for her task.

.....AMEN.....

June 2 '46

Acts 27:31

V

PAUL SAID TO THE CENTURION AND
TO THE SOLDIERS, EXCEPT THESE
ABIDE IN THE SHIP, YE CAN NOT
BE SAVED.

Paul was a real servant of God and had constant communion with him day and night. He had faith in God and believed what he said. And he had told Paul upon what conditions the ship and the crew that were taking him prisoner to Rome would be saved from the raging storm that was upon them. But the crew did not believe Paul, and when the storm had reached its height and it seemed that the ship and all on board would be lost they resorted to their human method of saving. Then Paul spoke to them the words of our text.

In the time of distress men forget or fail to believe what God has said. The crew of a ship is a unit, and there are many things that they must consider and as a unit attempt.

So in the church, the act of just one individual may bring destruction to the whole church. For so often God is anxious to show his wonderful power, but he can not do it if we take things into our own hands.

Often a storm or fire destroys all the material part of the church. But by this the spiritual part of the church is saved.

Let us not forget the relation we sustain to one another and think not too much about ourselves as individuals. For in so doing we manifest cowardice and prove ourselves unworthy of the confidence of our comrades.

Let us remember, God's servant is in constant communion with him and knows his plans and purposes.

.....AMEN.....

June 2 '46

I Jno. 1:7

M

BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT,
AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE
FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER,
AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST
HIS SON CLEANSETH US FROM ALL
SIN.

There are certain kinds of life we may live and get on all right without illumination, without much knowledge, with just a little intelligence. But we can not live the christian life without much knowledge, and the LIGHT that shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day.

We can not be a christian if we are static. We are on a journey and must be constantly on the move, upward, onward, homeward. We walk, we must walk.

walk

If we are christians we can not/in any and every road. The road in which we must walk has been selected for us. It is a road well lighted. It is a road strait and narrow. On this road we are constantly with those with whom we can have delightful fellowship; for they are men women and children who have fellowship with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ whose blood cleanses us from all sin.

This is the road upon which Isa. saw One from Edom, from Bozrah with dyed garments treading the winepress alone. This is the road the Master traveled on his way to Golgotha.

Let us be concerned about our activities during the coming days. Let us realize what the conditions upon which we must travel enable us to have fellowship with our brethren.

Whether the blood of Jesus cleanses us from sin or not depends upon the position in which we are. If we insist on staying in the dark his blood can not help us.

.....AMEN.....

Jun. 9 '46

Hab. 3:2

V

O LORD,,REVIVE THY WORK IN
THE MIDST OF THE YEARS.

DO WE NEED A REVIVAL OF RELIGION, IF
SO WHAT KIND, FOR WHOM AND BY WHOM?

This is a question of great concern for
all who regard themselves coworkers with God.

If we are supposed to live the kind of
religious life that Jesus introduced and lived
himself as related in this Book, there is no
argument as to our need. But the other part
of the question may and should be thoughtfully
and prayerfully discussed.

You may say, there is only one kind of
revival. But when you stop and think about it
you will readily conclude that we need many
kinds of revivals. Just as our physical bodies
have many parts that must be kept alive if the
body is going to function properly and as it
was intended to function.

So the church body has many parts to con-
sider if it is going to do what ^{it has been} appointed
to do.

We will consider briefly some of the
parts of the church that need to be more alive
than they are. The SOCIAL part, ^{Heb. 10:24, 25} Phil. 2:1
The INDUSTRIAL Part, Ex. 20:9. The BUSINESS Part.
Rom. 12:11. STUDIOUS Part, II Tim. 2:15.
The PRAYERFUL Part, I THES. 5:17.

Let us believe that God is anxious to
have us as a church to give serious considera-
tion to these questions. May we, under the gui-
dance of the Holy Spirit, do our duty.

.....AMEN.....

Jun. 13-'46 I Cor. 3:9 St. Paul A.M.E.Z Ch.

We Are Labourers Together With God.

Our relationship with God is peculiar in that it makes ^{us} ~~us~~ meek and humble, and at the same time it makes ^{us} ~~us~~ proud, it gives us assurance and confidence.

How ever small and insignificant, judged ^{by} man's standard, our work may be, judged by the fact that we have been laborers with God makes our work great and very significant.

Any individual or organization that has labored with God for turn-ty one years has much of which to be proud, and over which to rejoice.

And when an individual or an organization has labored with God for twenty one years they have labored not alone for themselves, but for the entire community in which they have labored. So the community feels proud and rejoices also.

When we labor with God we can always be assured that our work is: Centrifugal, Interracial, Enjoyable, Beneficial to all, Immutible.

So unreservedly we rejoice ^{with} Saint Paul A.M.E.Z ion Church at this time and wish you many more years of helpful service to our City, St. Nation, and the world.
Amen

Jun. 23-46 Eph. 4: 26, 27 V

Be Ye Angry, And Sin Not:
Let Not The Sun Go Down
Upon Your Wrath: Neither
Give Place To The Devil.

Every earnest Child of God thinks much about his natural appetites, desires, and emotions. Indeed many hesitate to become Christians, because they do not see how they will be able to take care of these natural impulses.

There are certain emotions that come upon us, and clamor for expression. Anger is such an impulse.

Such an impulse prohibits us from practicing the virtues that belong to Christians, as Gentleness, Patience, Peace, Self control.

This scripture does not tell us to be rid of our natural impulses, but to keep God in his right and lawful place.

To sin is to let some thing or some one come between you and God.

Whenever natural impulses are used independent of God, it is dangerous and liable to work one's ruin.

Practice the principles, the virtues that belong to Christian people and God will take care of your natural impulses.

Amen

June 23 '46

Jno. 3:19

M

AND THIS IS THE CONDEMNATION,
THAT LIGHT IS COME INTO THE
WORLD, AND MEN LOVED DARKNESS
RATHER THAN LIGHT, BECAUSE
THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL.

Condemnation is a condition that every one seeks to avoid; for we do not wish to be excluded from the society that we like. But there are certain things that qualify us to take our place in society.

We must be able to evaluate properly the great entities of life; then we must know what use to make of them. And what is true in secular life is true in spiritual life.

Society makes much of all real entities, but it makes special use of light, whether considering it from a figurative or from a natural viewpoint. Society is constantly seeking more and better light. Because well regulated society knows the value of light. Society knows that light cleanses, invigorates, and brings health and strength.

The man who does not love light is condemned and eliminated from society. Not to love light naturally classes you with evil doers.

There are certain attitudes that condemn or declare us innocent and fit to serve.. We may talk about our love for intelligence, enlightenment, culture and refinement. But if we do not make practical use of these qualities we are condemned.

But the best of us, however we may try can not escape condemnation. Every day we are perplexed; we do not know just what course to take to escape condemnation. What accuses one to commend and praise you excites another to condemn you. But there are some things that we may do for which every body will commend and praise us. We should learn what they are and do them.

Moses, Elijah, Daniel and Esther are exalted by their people for what they did to save their people. Many other great characters did much to bring light into the world. But all of these were but dim reflectors of the great LIGHT about whom our text is telling us. If all these reflectors helped people to see their way, and enjoy a larger life we can readily comprehend these words of the Lord Jesus. For he declared and proved himself to be the light of the world.

.....AMEN.....

July 7 '46

Jno. 6:53

M

THEN JESUS SAID UNTO THEM, VERILY,
VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, EXCEPT
YE EAT THE FLESH OF THE SON OF
MAN, AND DRINK HIS BLOOD, YE HAVE
NO LIFE IN YOU.

Whether speaking from a physical or spir-
itual viewpoint, people have used substitutes
for real food that gives life so long that
they do not give attention to real food when
they are told about it.

I suppose there was never a time when so
many people were thinking so much about HOW,
WHEN, and WHAT to eat as they are to day.

Every two or three months there is a food
specialist in our city giving lectures and
exhibiting samples of the kind of foods that
we should eat, if we wish to keep well and
strong. Men and women are concerned about
what they shall eat in order to keep physi-
cally fit.

Most any day, if you listen, you will hear
over the radio a man telling you what to eat,
and saying "You are what you eat. But only
a comparatively few give attention to these
food specialists. The old regular tradition-
al caterer appeals to them and gives them
greater satisfaction. They go through the
streets peddling their dishes. And people buy
and eat them regardless of consequences.

Now what we say concerning physical food
is equally true concerning MENTAL, MORAL and
SPIRITUAL food.

The condition that prevailed when Jesus
uttered the words of our text has always pre-
vailed and prevails to day. People are resort-
ing to all kinds of bills of fare, trying to
get along without partaking of the life of
Jesus.

Flesh and Blood represent the essential el-
ement of man, they represent his life. Jesus
tells us in another place; that he is the LIFE.
So to have life, SPIRITUAL life we must partake
of him. Not as the Roman Catholics nor as the
Lutherans partake of him. But our text is a
figure of speech, a SIMILE. And Jesus wishes
us to feel that when we partake of these sac-
ramental emblems that we are eating and drink-
ing that which vividly and beautifully rep-
resent his body and blood. May we prayfully
consider his wishes.

.....AMEN.....

PUT YE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST,
AND MAKE NOT PROVISION FOR THE
FLESH, TO FULFIL THE LUSTS THERE-
OF.

When Jesus tells us that he is the bread of life, and except we eat his flesh, the Pantry, Larder and Calvinator come before us. And when the apostle Paul tells us to put on the Lord Jesus Christ the picture of dressing comes before us. We think of Clothes Chests and wardrobes. We think of the gorgeous apparel we provide for our bodies, and how that mentally we dress in rags, and how that spiritually we are nude.

The Lord Jesus has provided for us so that spiritually we do not have to be nude any longer. But the Lord Jesus is very much opposed to being used as an ornament to be exhibited on special occasions, Sundays, Christmas and Easter.

If we do not know the relation that the Lord Jesus wishes to sustain to us, and how he wishes to be treated by us we are mighty apt to treat him as we do our Sunday dress, our Sunday suit. He wishes us to put him on and wear him every day, on all occasions and everywhere we may be. If we think we should not take him with us, then that is sufficient reason for our staying away from the place.

It is well for us to realize that Jesus wishes us to make practical use of him and to consider the many ways in which he serves us when we put him on. We should realize that out upon the rough tempestuous sea of life that he is our LIFE PRESERVER. And we must learn how to put him on and to practice using him when it is calm so that we shall know how to do it when it is rough and stormy.

We must let the Holy Spirit fit Jesus to us. For some times we are too BIG for Jesus and some times we are too SMALL for him. But he does not change, we must.

When we put on Jesus our APPEARANCE changes, and our demeanor and attitude towards the world are different.

We are not ready to put on Jesus until we are willing to be out of sight.

We can not put on Jesus until we are clean in heart and mind. Our thoughts and words must be clean and pure.

Let us put on the Lord Jesus and he will chase away our chilly cold life and will give us a life that will be warm and attractive.

.....AMEN.....

July 14:46 Heb. 10: 25 V

Not Forsaking The As-
sembling Of Ourselves
Together.

The individual parts of a body may be in good condition and working well. But the real valuable service of individual parts is rendered when they are assembled. Assembled, the individual parts manifest the spirit of co-operation and support.

Assembling means added intelligence.

Assembling increases our enthusiasm.

Assembling enables ^{us} to understand one another and common program.

Assembling helps us to overcome adverse criticism.

Let us remember that the Master has promised to be in with us when we assemble.

July 16 '46

Jno. 8:31, 32

W.N.Y. Assn.

THEN SAID JESUS TO THOSE JEWS
WHICH BELIEVED ON HIM, IF YE
CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN ARE
YE MY DISCIPLES INDEED; AND YE
SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE
TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.

What interesting, encouraging, comfort-
ing, inspiring words these are, and must have
been to those to whom Jesus addressed them.
Many many times they had been in corporal bon-
dage. And at the very time Jesus uttered these
words the heel of the Roman government was up-
on their necks.

The Jews were so much concerned about
the bondage of their bodies that they did not
think much about other forms of bondage that
was doing them far more harm than the bondage
of their bodies. And it was about these forms
of bondage about which Jesus was particularly
concerned; and to which he had reference in
the words of our text. Jesus was concerned a-
bout getting their mind and spirit out of bon-
dage so that they could think, feel and act
right. For man may have freedom of body, but
if the mind and spirit are still in bondage it
will be of no profit, indeed it may prove a
detriment to him.

What was true with ancient Israel at the
time Jesus uttered these words is true with our
racial group, with the people of America, and
indeed with the people of the entire world to day.

The world, including much of the church does not
stay with Jesus long enough to learn what freedom
is and how to obtain it.

If we may use college terms, Jesus is the
HEAD MASTER of the School where God's people are
to get their training, and the HOLY SPIRIT is our
DEAN. And he will make known to us the things in
which we are to major. It is well for us as God's
people to have a workable comprehensive compendi-
um that will tell us the things that we should
know. You may read all of the Bible if you feel to
do so and find out the things that you should know.
But we do not have to do so. For in the Ten Com-
mandments and the Golden Rule we find every thing
we need to know.

You may study POETRY, HISTORY, SCIENCE,
and PHILOSOPHY if you have studied the ten Com-
mandments and the Golden Rule

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they will help you to make a practical application of the Commandments and the Golden Rule. But without a knowledge of the Commandments and the Golden Rule these and many other branches may be dangerous.

Some teachers, even though they may have very fine ability, and know many things, and even though their pupils are very diligent and studious are not able to impart to others what they know.

Whatever else we may lack, if we are the children of God, we have the great Teacher who spoke as never man spake and taught not as the scribes and pharisees, but as one having authority. We all need to spend less time with men and human institutions, and more time with the Great Teacher. He knows all about every subject that we need to study and master.

All classes may be perfectly at home with the Lord Jesus, the Great Teacher. The young and the old, the rich and the poor, the precocious and the backward, the tardy may all with equal profit sit at the feet of Jesus. But not even Jesus can make known the truth to those who fail to comply with the rules by which we get the truth. We need not expect nor hope to get the truth by taking simply a lesson a year, a month, a week or a day. The rule says you must continue in his word if you would be his disciples in deed, his pupils.

The Master practically tells us, that no one ever flunks who continues in his class. But you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

Most every one, in some important particulars is ignorant and in bondage. But in God's economy, in God's program there is no place for those who are in VOLUNTARY bondage ignorance and bondage. God has made ample abundant provision for every one who becomes a citizen in his kingdom. It is a sin a gross sin, if you are in God's kingdom to be ignorant and in bondage.

God's people are expected and should be the most enlightened the most intelligent people in the world.

Let us resolve to measure up to our privilege and opportunity and know the truth and be FREE.

.....AMEN.....

July 21-46 Mark 8:1-9 V.

That discourages and
deters men inspired, and
gives enthusiasm to the
Lord Jesus.

We may with our
scarce supply be able to care
for a few, but we can not
do much with the crowd.

Much of the way over
which we journey is wil-
derness. It does not pro-
duce very much. Most of the
time our supply is hardly
enough for ourselves, to say
nothing of the multitude
that journey with us.

Extraneous for us
furnish opportunities
for the Lord Jesus. He lets
a child come into this
world blind that he may
show the wonderful work
of God.

Jesus can get along
without us and our little
possessions. But he uses both
for our edification.

Let us place our all at
his disposal.

— Amen —

Aug. 11-46 Ecl. 9: Pt. 10

V

Whatsoever Thy Hand
Findeth TO DO, DO With
Thy Might.

There was never a period
in history when time was more
precious than it is to day. And
in things material men never
placed value upon time as
they do to day. They show it in
Travel, Building, Communication.
They show it in most everything
they do.

There was a time when men
thought it was all right to go at
things in a halfhearted, blabatory
way. But not now. Now they work
over time, night and day to get
things done as quickly as possi-
bly.

This same rule of despatch
needs very much to be used in
the service of the Lord. Those of us
who are in the service of the Lord
need to be more honest, wholehearted,
Sincere.

We should learn how to serve
God from the way that he has served
us. He has put all of himself in every
thing that he has done and is doing for
us. Doing God's Work with all our Might.
Keeps us out of mischief. Makes it Attractive.
Enduces others to Enlist in it and to give
liberally of their time and Means.

Let us resolve to be more honest,
more Sincere and more diligent in the
service of the Lord.

Amen

Aug. 18-46 Jno. 4: LP 39 V

He Told Me All That Ever
I Did.

There are those who make it a business to keep a record of our life, all of our life. Then there are those who look up and keep a record of all the bad things that they have been able to find in our life. There are also those who make a record only of the good things that they have found in our life.

But we should not be over-disturbed or discouraged by our bad record, nor should we be over-elated by our good record that men have kept. But the record about which we should be greatly concerned is the record about which only you yourself and God know and have kept.

Our record by itself is un-trustworthy and dangerous.

God's record determines our career, as to whether it shall be successful or a failure.

God's record determines what he will entrust to us, and the amount of liberty we shall have. Let us consult God's record of life frequently.

Amen

Aug. 25 '46 LUK. 4: 3 V

And The Devil Said Unto
Him, If Thou Be The Son
Of God, Command That
This Stone Be Made Bread.

We owe it to ourselves, to our
fellow man and to our God to show
that we are the Children of God.
But we need to give much consider-
ation as to when, how and where and
for whose sake we show, demon-
strate that we are the Children
of God, less we do more to hinder
than we do to help the Cause of
the Kingdom.

In whatever we do ~~we should~~
we should never try to please the
King of darkness nor his Citizens
By no means should ^{we} ever
do things in a Spectacular way
to be seen of men and to please
them.

We should never be influenced
in times of physical stress and
weakness ^{to do} that we would not do
when conditions are favorable
for us.

We should realize that as the
Children of God we can never
have real permanent Victory, and
triumph by the use of carnal
weapons and material possessions.

Let us always remember that
it is better to be a humble ^{servant} in the hands
of God than to be a King in the hands of
the devil. — Amen. —

Sept. 1-46 Jno. 8: LC. 8

V

And Jesus Was Left Alone,
And The Woman Standing
In The Midst.

In the Supreme Court of this country twelve men sit to pass judgement upon all cases that come before them. But their decisions are not always approved by the general public.

(5) The Lord Jesus is the lone judge in the Court of last resort before whom all men and women and children must appear.

It is always a very great advantage to be alone with a good judge who is anxious to help the accused. As a rule too many try to have something to do with the cases that come before the great judge.

(3) Many sinful men and women are just longing to be brought into the presence of the Lord Jesus and given a chance to lay their case before him.

(4) Often we are afraid to be alone with our fellow man because he is more concerned about accusing and condemning than he is about excusing and forgiving us.

Let us seek the opportunity to be alone with Jesus.

Amen

Sept. 1 '46

I Cor. 1:13

M

IS CHRIST DIVIDED?

There are times and occasions when divisions are becoming and profitable. But in thought and purpose there is no place among God's people for divisions. In all things substantial and worthwhile there must be unanimity among God's people.

If we would take Christ we can not divide him up and take that part that we like, that part that makes life easy and pleasant for us. Every quality and attribute of Jesus we need and must have for our growth and spiritual development.

That part of Christ, that part of any one for that matter that makes him complete and worthwhile is his mind. And we are exhorted to let this mind be in us that was also in Christ Jesus.

To divide some things or some organized individuals is to destroy their usefulness. Christ is not divided and therefore his cause should not be divided.

How painful it must be to the Lord Jesus to be dissected, divided up to suit the carnal whims of people.

Physically the ancient Jews and Romans crucified Jesus on a cross. But today we do not put him on a cross, nor do we take him to some Golgotha hill. But we crucify him often in our homes, in our church pews and some times we crucify him in our pulpits.

We can never the power that God intends and wishes us to be and do the work that he wishes us to do so long as we insist on dividing our Lord into a BLACK Christ and a WHITE Christ, a YELLOW and a BROWN Christ. Then we must cease dividing him up into denominations too numerous to mention.

The church can never increase her power and efficiency by affiliating with carnally minded men and Godless organizations. The church must unite, and become in reality and truth what she is in theory and potentially, the greatest power in the world. For our Leader tells us that all power is given unto him. Let us arise and claim our power. Let us partake of his body and his blood, his Life, that we may have power to do all the things that need to be done in this old sinful world. Let us do all we can to keep the body of Christ, the Church ONE.

.....AMEN.....

Oct. 13-'46 Col. 3:16 V

Let The Word Of Christ
Dwell In You Richly
In All Wisdom; Teaching
And Admonishing One
Another In Psalms And
Hymns And Spiritual
Songs, Singing With
Grace In Your Hearts
To The Lord.

Every one of us needs
to be taught; for every one
of us is in need of Infor-
mation and Inspiration.

Then, every one of us is
able to teach if we maintain
the right spirit, the spirit of
song.

Most effectual teaching
is by example. We impart
our greatest help not by
precept, but by the way we
act, by what we do.

When we render service
to the Lord we are most
helpful to our fellow-man.

Let us, Sing unto the Lord
and truly teach others to be
calm and ease.

— Amen —

Oct. 13 '46

Acts 2:F.P.41

M

THEN THEY THAT GLADLY RECEIVED
THE WORD WERE BAPTIZED.

The greatest subject we have to consider is the christian religion. But it is comprehended in a Person, and in order to know and practice it we must know this person, live with him, and emulate him, or do as he does and has done..He must be our exemplar. We must study him, his precepts, his Doctrine, his example. We must receive his Doctrine his teachings, we must believe his Doctrine. And we must DEMONSTRATE what we have received and believed.

The first step in our demonstration process is to submit to what we please to call, Spiritual Initiation. And we do this in baptism. Then we go on studying to obtain our M.A degree in Spiritual Life.

The persons of whom the words of our text are written were very ordinary people. They had not had very much, if any catechetical training. But they had had a most wonderful experience. They had seen and felt the power of the Holy Spirit the third person of the Trinity. And they had heard the preaching of the Word of God, and believed what they heard and did the most logical thing for all who believe to do. They were baptized.

The Word of God is powerful. It was made flesh and dwelt among us. It has in it everything that any one who wishes to be a christian needs. It is a compendium of all the knowledge that we need to have in order to be a Master in Spiritual Life. The Word of God has in it Information and Inspiration found no where else.

There are certain values in the Word of God that are perceived only by those who HEAR it, RECEIVE it and BELIEVE it.

It is the business of the Holy Spirit to prepare us to receive the Word of God. No other agency can do this. We need therefore to give strict attention to the prompting and teaching of the Holy Spirit.

May we prove by our life and deportment that we have sat at the feet of the Holy Spirit, and that his teaching has transformed and renewed our lives, and that our supreme ambition is to follow his Coworker even the Lord Jesus.

.....AMEN.....

Oct. 20 '46

Heb. 4:15

M

FOR WE HAVE NOT AN HIGH PRIEST
WHICH CAN NOT BE TOUCHED WITH
THE FEELING OF OUR INFIRMITIES;
BUT WAS IN ALL POINTS TEMPTED
LIKE AS WE ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN.

Often our greatest benefactors fail to get proper recognition, and we fail to profit by them because we do not know them. We fail to recognize them because others who have occupied the position similiar to the one they occupy have failed us. We often hear the expression, They are all alike.

Then we fail to recognize our benefactors because those who have been with them and know them do not properly advertize, commend and represent them.

The Hebrew people did not know Jesus. They might have thought of him as an High Priest. But they had known many other high priests, who failed to bring to them the comfort and peace for which they longed.

But the apostle Paul had met Jesus and knew him, he too recognized him as an High Priest. But he was not like the other high priests whom he had known. Jesus did not spend all his time in the holy of holies away from the people. He was among them and knew them, he knew their weaknesses, he also knew the possibilities in them. And he made them know of what they were capable.

Jesus had taught the people that even though they might become his disciples they would not be immune from trials, tests and temptations.

After we become christians we have emotions, impulses and appetites and desires. They make us live, without them we are practically dead. Some times our temptations are greater after we become christians than they were before. But under the jurisdiction of our great High Priest we receive divine grace and learn how to master and control our appetites and how to overcome temptations. Our great High Priest teaches us how to be hungry and not eat how to be thirsty and not drink how to be angry and sin not.

Let us not be fearful and timid as we go into the battles of life. Let us keep ever in mind that Christ Jesus our High Priest was in all points tempted like as we are but did not sin.

.....AMEN.....

May 2 '37
Oct. 27 '46

Jno. 14:14

M

IF YOU SHALL ASK ANYTHING IN
MY NAME, I WILL DO IT.

The kingdom of God is a sphere of plenty, abundance. But it is not a sphere of nonessentials, and useless, unnecessary luxuries.

In the kingdom of God a good meal may consist of barley bread and fish. In the kingdom no elaborate provision is made for the flesh. Long journeys are to be made with a simple wardrobe, and with a very small purse, or with no purse at all.

The citizens in the kingdom of God are exhorted to set their affections on things above and not on things on the earth.

The Master himself exhorts the citizens in the kingdom of God to lay up treasures in heaven where moths do not corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal.

The words of our text are not to everybody, but to those who have sat at the feet of Jesus and have been trained in the school of the Holy Spirit; and have learned the nature and meaning of the kingdom of God. They have learned that the kingdom of God is not meat and drink: but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

With this understanding we can readily see why and how Jesus could make the statement and promise found in the words of our text.

Citizenship in the kingdom of God makes us simple and practical in our demands.

When we become citizens in the kingdom of God we discover new sources of supply.

When we become citizens in the kingdom of God we learn how to appeal to God for what we need.

May we realize that it is ours always to come boldly unto God and make our needs known.

Amen

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Our God and Father great and wonderful art thou in all thy works. Help us to love and honor thee for all that thou hast done. We pray thee to give us knowledge and understanding that we may be concerned and be able to do our part in keeping all thy creation, particularly ourselves, in the very best condition PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY and SPIRITUALLY. Help us to realize that these three parts are interrelated and interdependent.

Help us o God to use the means that thou hast placed at our disposal to keep us spiritually serene and calm, mentally alert and active and physically strong and vigorous.

We thank thee oGod for this day of scientific discoveries and achievements. Forbid that men should use the wonderful knowledge that they have gained to

kill and destroy, but ^{that may} they do all in their power to perpetuate life and health.

May the day soon come o God when sin sickness sorrow and death shall be no more. May we ever know God can and will heal all our diseases.

.....AMEN.....

Nov. 3 '46

Jno. 6:67

M

THEN SAID JESUS UNTO THE TWELVEE,
WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY?

When here in the flesh, Jesus was like ourselves, he was fond of things and people.

The moments he spent alone were precious and of great value to him. But Jesus liked to be with people. He liked to talk, walk and work with them. Jesus liked to go to the mountain peak with Peter, James and John; and he transfigured before them and let them see his glory.

Jesus liked to walk through the fields of ripened grain and let his disciples appease their hunger. We may believe that Jesus liked fishing, and that he knew how, when and where to fish.

Jesus liked to go to feasts and share the hospitality of men. On some ~~of~~ these occasions when the supplies ran short Jesus would miraculously provide ~~them~~.

Jesus' entire life was such as to lead us to the conclusion that he was friendly and liked to have friends. He even told his followers upon what conditions they might be his friends.

And like ourselves, Jesus wished not only friendship, but wished fellowship.

Fellowship implies activity among friends, among those who are likeminded. Fellowship tells that two or more are banded together with the same MOTIVE, PURPOSE, OBJECTIVE.

The greatest need among God's people when Jesus was here in the flesh was fellowship, and the greatest need in the world and in the church to day is fellowship. When we have fellowship we suffer together, we rejoice together, we work together, we play together and we pray together.

Jesus always desired friends and fellowship and he desires them still. And he can have them only as we stay with him and with his church. Let us learn from him how to obtain and keep friends and have fellowship with them.

May we use the means that Jesus used to obtain and hold friends and to have fellowship. Let us never resort to what ^{we} call diplomacy. May we like our Lord speak the truth and live the truth.

.....AMEN.....

Nov. 3 '46

Ps. 80:7

V

TURN US AGAIN O LORD GOD OF
HOSTS, CAUSE THY FACE TO SHINE;
AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.

This scripture brings vividly before us a picture of our childhood, when mother used to govern us by the expression of her face. Long before we knew our alpherbet, even before we had entered the kindergarten, we could ^{read} the expression on mother's face, and like Daniel of old tell the interpretation thereof.

When we strayed away from mother in our play and glee and when we would come to ourselves and could not see her face and would not know just where we were, we ^{would} count ourselves lost. Then we would turn around and get back where we could see Mother's face. If her face were cloudy and gloomy we would know immediately that we had gone wrong and incurred her ill favor. And we knew we would have something coming that we would not want and we would plead with mother to cause her face to shine so that we might be saved from the purnishing that was due us.

This picture of mother's face in our childhood enables ^{us} readily to understand what David one of the children ^{of Israel} who had gone astray means.

We need, each of us, to look frequently and earnestly and see what expression is on God's face as he looks upon our acts and deportment. We need to look by faith and see how God's face is being effected by our THOUGHTS, PLANS, WORDS and DEEDS.

May we turn from our waywardness and cause God's face not only to shine upon us but upon our brethren also.

Let us remember that we can make no progress if God's face do not shine upon us.

.....AMEN.....

Nov. 10 '46

Luk. 18:10

M

TWO MEN WENT UP INTO THE TEMPLE
TO PRAY; THE ONE A PHARISEE, AND
THE OTHER A PUBLICAN.

There are not many persons with whom we travel very long. For every one of us has his own individuality, his own likes and dislikes. Each one has his good points and his bad points.

Many things we do in no way distinguish us from other people. But some things we do as no one else.

Some things we do are not helpful to any one, not even to ourselves.

Doing good things do not necessarily do good. In order for the good things that we do to be effectual and do good, we must do them at the right TIME, at the right PLACE, in the right WAY, and for the right PURPOSE.

We may be in a good place at the right time and we may go through the formality of doing the right thing for the right purpose, and still not only be negative but positively hurtful.

The character and influence of our deportment depend upon the condition of our heart.

The things we do to establish our own righteousness deprive us of God's righteousness, and blessing.

We may deceive ourselves by deciding that because we are in company with those who are in favor with God that we are entitled to and will receive God's blessing.

Let us be warned that these two men who went into the temple to pray typify two classes of people who make up the membership of our churches. And that we should examine ourselves under the guidance of the Holy Spirit so that we may be certain that we are in the right class.

Our relation to those who accompany us into the temple is one and our relation to those whom we accompany out of the temple is another.

May we do all in our power to have those who accompany us into the temple accompany us out of the temple and in their daily walks.

.....AMEN.....

Nov. 10-'46 Acts 16: L.P. 30 V

Sirs, What Must I DO
To Be Saved?

In this world our relationships are so numerous that we may be saved today and lost tomorrow.

We may be saved in many ways and at the same time be lost in many other ways.

When thinking and talking about being saved we usually have reference to our spiritual life.

But there are many other ways in which we need to be saved. We need to be saved Socially, Economically, Industrially, Intellectually; From Fear, Suspicion, Hate Prejudice.

Let us take advantage of all the means placed at our disposal and be saved in every way.

— Amen —

Jno. 14:14

These words are not
for every body. They are for
those who have left the
old Country of scarcity, for
those who have come into
the new Country, into the
Kingdom of God.

These words are for
those who understand and
speak God's language.

These words are for
those who know God's Pro-
gram, his bill of fare.

WHAT OUR LIFE IS LIKE

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The Ministry And
Business

What History Shows
About All Nations
The Basic Principle
Of Life Is Religion.

So The Religious
Phase Of Life Of
Any People Must
Determine The
Character Of Every
Other Phase Of Life

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ligious Life So
Goes Your Social,
Industrial-Economic,
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Nov. 17 '46

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I Jno. 4:F.P.18

M

THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE; BUT PERFECT LOVE CASTETH OUT FEAR.

From our childhood until now we have been tormented harassed and made miserable by FEAR. Fear has hindered our progress and defeated our plans.

There are many dangerous ferocious animals in the world. But man takes time and uses patience and skill to capture and tame them. He does not use a gun or a dagger to do this. But he uses the greatest gift of God to man, LOVE. By the aid of love men make animals that are natural enemies friendly and live together in peace.

But of all the animals in the world man is the most dangerous the most treacherous and the most dreaded. Of all animals he is the hardest to tame.

Most all of our machines of destruction are to subdue and tame man. Great buildings are erected with iron doors and steel bars at the windows with great high stone wall around them to keep the untamed man from doing injury to his fellow-man. Policemen parade our streets and highways that you may be saved from the assaults of man.

John has made a wonderful discovery and many profit by it, and there are many who get no profit from it because they do not use it. They use all kinds of means to cast out fear. But they do not succeed.

Never before in the history of the world, with our superior civilization, with our boasted intelligence, culture and refinement, have men been so fearful. According to our text we have the right to conclude that FEAR is predominant in the world because not a sufficient number of us have as we should have real genuine LOVE.

Conferences, conventions and assemblies are being held everywhere, advocating PEACE, permanent PEACE. Still never a greater number of persons were ever asking the courts for permits to carry guns than they are today.

Never were insurance companies doing so much business as they are today. People have all kinds of FEAR, and they hope to secure themselves against what may happen by INSURANCE.

When conditions are all summed up we find that we do not take seriously what this book tells us about FEAR. This book tells us to fear God and we will have nothing else to fear.

Let us do this and be happy.

.....AMEN.....

Nov. 17 '46

Ex. 32:26

V

THEN MOSES STOOD IN THE GATE
OF THE CAMP, AND SAID, WHO IS
ON THE LORD'S SIDE?

In ordinary matters secular or religious we can get along fairly well by just taking things for granted. But in specific definite matters we need and must have specific definite decisions.

In matters specific definite, if we are going to make progress and succeed we have no place for quibbling, guessing is entirely out of place.

To say nothing of ourselves, not even God can work with people who are undecided, don't know where they stand. They belong to that crowd whose slogan is "Good God Good Devil

We expect those who are leaders in God's work to go forward and do great things. But they can not until they know definitely where their followers are. And they find out as did Moses, by asking them if they are on the Lord's side. But we can not get on the Lord's side until we learn to distinguish between God's side and man's side; for many of them look very much alike.

In things on the Lord's side we see:

UNPRETENSION, SIMPLICITY, ORDER, BEAUTY and
REGULARITY.

Those on the Lord's side are:

CHEERFUL, HOPEFUL, FAITHFUL, REAL, SINCERE,
COOPERATIVE.

Let us examine ourselves frequently
so that we may know and others may know on which
side we are.

.....AMEN.....

Nov. 24 '46

Eccle. 3:9

W V

WHAT PROFIT HATH HE THAT WORKETH
WHEREIN HE LABORETH?

Every normal person, especially those who are the children of God are workers and like to do some kind of work. They are not willing to be social parasites. They try to observe that scripture which says, every man should live by the sweat of his own brow. They hate the idea of one living on his wits.

Every man is justified in seeking the work for which he is best fitted and which he can do with greatest ease. But not every one knows the kind of work for which he is best fitted. So before he starts out upon his life's work he seeks the counsel and aid of one who is an expert in Vocational Guidance. And he does not stop with one, but he may seek the advice of two or three before he starts out.

Then upon his own initiative he may survey a number of fields before his final decision.

It is a common thing to hear people talking about God calling us to do certain things, to write a book or build a bridge. And he does call men, but he uses the agencies that we have mentioned to make his call understood.

The reason why much of the work that we do is so hard is because we do not consult the great expert in Vocational Guidance at the right time.

Then our task is often hard and difficult because we think we can and wish to do the thing we see some one else doing with greatest ease.

If we wish to get joy out of our work we must plan so as to do it in the proper season at the right time.

Let us remember, God has set a time for every thing that needs to be done. Let us not ignore his time and try to do things according to our own time.

.....AMEN.....

Dec. 8 '46

Matt. 25:33

V

And He Shall Set His Sheep
On His Right Hand, But The
Goats On His Left.

Profitable Segregation.

In all social activities whether
secular or religious there are
two processes in operation. One
aims to make things as they ought
to be by Segregation the other aims
to make things as they ought to be by
Integration.

Our text tells us that God uses
the Segregation process.

The process that will be used
with us is determined by us
as individuals. If we have
the sheep qualities we will al-
ways be placed on the right
side, the position of honor.

Let us strive to have the
right qualities

Rev. J. Edgar Mason, Jr.

amen

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Dec. 1-'46 Prov. 22:6 V

Train Up A Child In The
Way He Should Go: And
When He Is Old He Will
Not Depart From It.

*Consider aids to be used
in training:*

CHURCH Religion
HOSPITAL Medicine
SCHOOLS + SOCIAL
CENTERS General
Education.

SET YOUR AFFECTION ON THINGS
ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS ON THE
EARTH. FOR YE ARE DEAD, AND
YOUR LIFE IS HID WITH CHRIST
IN GOD.

Nothing does more to determine who you are and your character than the things and people we love, and upon which we set our affection.

You may not be concerned about every thing in a certain city. But if it is your home and your MOTHER and FATHER, BROTHERS and SISTERS and other RELATIVES live there, and if this city is the capital of your country and the chief executive, the PRESIDENT lives there, and the GOVERNOR of your state and of course if the Mayor of your city lives there; and if the city is a great Educational Center, and if this city is peculiar in that a great number of churches are there, but just one denomination, and all the people in the churches are just christians, no Baptists Etc.; and it has only one great BANK there, if this city has no great material business places, it has no great manufacturing plants. So the people have to go to other cities for work. Then you will have little or no concern in this city aside from getting your material needs supplied. You love your own city because so much there is dear to you. In the city where you work you do not frequent their night clubs, for you are not there at night. You do not eat in their taverns. You bring your lunch with you.

You love to TALK and READ about your city. You never grow tired singing her praises. All who know you will know where your home is and will grow to love your home and will want to live there too.

When you set your affection on things above it keeps you clean and pure.

When you love your home city the words of the Psalmist will fill your heart: One thing have I desired of the Lord and that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. And with the apostle Paul we will sing: This hope I have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast which entereth into that within the veil.

Let us give more attention to the things that are above.

...../AMEN.....

BUT MARY KEPT ALL THESE THINGS AND
PONDERED THEM IN HER HEART.

There are always some persons who tell all of us some things that we do not understand, and therefore we are not over concerned and we are inclined to treat them slightly. But no one who is in a normal condition can treat heavenly messengers and a heavenly message slightly.

An angel from heaven had told Mary some very unusual things about herself and about what was about to take place. Things the like of which Mary had never heard before. She was a young woman, she was not a scientist nor was she a theologian. But woman like she had faith and received what was told her and thought and prayed over them earnestly.

I think we can safely and truthfully say that a woman's heart grips with greater tenacity and permanency than the heart of man.

Woman takes a statement that is presented to her as a fact a truth which she ponders by day and over which she dreams by night. When some good worthy man looks upon her with favor she begins immediately to make her hope chest, and when she is given the engagement ring she begins to prepare her wedding trousseau. Where matters worthwhile are concerned woman is more serious than the man. She has a more lively imagination than the man. She builds a house furnishes a wardrobe fills a dish pantry and a china closet, while the man wonders what he can and should do.

Sooner or later Joseph must join in with Mary and receive the heavenly vision and the heavenly message and ponder it with Mary.

There is great need for more of the masculine in our religious endeavors and missionary adventures. More men need to study and know more about the wonderful things God is planning and doing in the world today. Do not leave Mary to do all the pondering and have all the sleepless nights and days of undue anxiety.

Mary was the greatest woman that ever lived. She became the mother of a new and better generation.

Many of the problems that were Mary's are the problems of mothers to day. Was she qualified Physically and mentally and spiritually for her task? Are facilities placed at the disposal of mothers to day as they should be?.

.....AMEN.....

Dec. 15-'46 Ps. 145 V

A New Vision Of God

Our God is great, he is infinite. He can never comprehend and understand him by just viewing him in a general way.

God becomes greater and more real to us when we single out his great attributes and virtues. Then we do this we understand him better and appreciate him more.

Nothing will aid us more in our spiritual growth and development in edification than to become better acquainted with God through study of his great works.

Let us enumerate often the wonderful acts of God, His acts, what he has done, appeal to men when all other arguments fail.

Let us make God great in our own minds and he will become great in the minds of others.

Enumerate what he has done in the world then think of all that he has done for you in particular. Amen.

June 16 '46

I Cor. 12:14 Fstrs. V

FOR THE BODY IS NOT ONE MEMBER,
BUT MANY.

As individuals and organizations we are great potentialities, and we use many means and agencies to aid us in our development and expression. Hence we identify ourselves with many CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS and FRATERNITIES as the one that honors us with their presence to night. And we who endeavor at this time to entertain and serve represent the organization that is first and final in helping us to discover and express our potentialities.

We welcome you to our place of worship, we are anxious to help you to make some new discoveries and to give some new expressions of your very fine qualities.

It^{is} the aim of our organization, the church, to help you to rediscover these qualities and to make a larger and better use of them as you go about the performance of your duties in your very worthy fraternity. The qualities that we shall briefly consider are LIGHT, LIFE, LOVE, FAITH, FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP.

Judging from the condition in which the world is to day nothing is so much needed as love, and we can not have love when we live in darkness. So in order to have love we must have light, we must be intelligent concerning things and people as they really are. And when we have LOVE and LIGHT we are prepared to go another step and have life, LIFE abundant.

When we have the qualities that we have considered then we shall have FAITH, FRIENDSHIP and FELLOWSHIP. Friendship that is not preceded by faith means little or nothing. And we can have no real fellowship without friendship.

If we pursue the course that we have just suggested we shall find it easy to do the things for which we stand, and we shall find delight in doing them.

.....AMEN.....

Dec. 31 '46

Ps. 65:11

W. Night

THOU CROWNEST THE YEAR WITH
THY GOODNESS; AND THY PATHS
DROP FATNESS.

Our text personifies the year and makes it a KING. The year does not look to nor depend upon men for glory and honor.

God qualifies the year, as a KING to serve his subjects. He has been careful to serve all, he has not been partial in serving his subjects. He serves the just and the unjust, the good and the bad, the thrifty and the prodigal.

The blessings of the year have been so regular and constant until many of us during the year have taken the blessings as a matter of course. But have failed to express our gratitude and thanks as we should have..

The year has remembered us with the different seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall and WINTER, with their special benefits.

The goodness of the year has shown itself in blessings MATERIAL, INTELLECTUAL, MORAL and SPIRITUAL.

The year as KING has not used the goodness with which God has crowned him for his own pleasure and enjoyment. But for the pleasure and enjoyment of every creature.

If God see fit to continue another year as KING upon the throne of time, let us be good loyal subjects and serve God so as to justify him in crowning another year with his goodness.

.....AMEN.....